



Community Health Workers ~ The Trajectory ~

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HealthVisions Midwest CHW Success Stories

- 12 years of CHW experience
- 3 state funded care coordination w/ CHW involvement
- 5 year federal grant CHW community program

Major Roles of CHWs in Lake County

- Team members in prenatal care coordination programs
- Initially utilized in maternal child programs or PNCC
- Overseen by prenatal care coordinators

Training for Prenatal Programs

- 40 hr training
- State test with certificate issued by MCH
ISDH (Indiana State Dept. of Health)
- Since last year, no longer available or
required

Our Role with IVY Tech

- 10 years work w/ regional IVY TECH to develop curriculum
 - initial curriculum development
 - training for CDC grant program
- Future trainings of CHWs

CHW Training for CDC grant

- Designed in partnership with local IVY Tech
- CHWs received college credit
- Held at HealthVisions
- IVY Tech instructors

CHW Training Pilot Project

Bridges to Wellness

- 3 day CHW Boot camp
- 2 day disease specific
 - congestive heart failure
 - renal
- CDC CHW curriculum

CHW Training for Upcoming Grants

- 4 day train the trainer
- Training of community volunteer CHWs
 - churches
 - senior centers
 - community agencies
 - restaurants on -save half for later -

CHW

- Bridges to Wellness
 - perspective
 - personal skills
 - sharing knowledge

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Focus and Future Trends

- Drive CHW initiatives
 - local, state, national
- Develop community awareness of CHW effectiveness via peer to peer models

Thank You

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